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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 11641 ACTION SECSTATE INFO PARIS,
USNATO, LONDON, VIENNA, GENEVA, MOSCOW, USNMR SHAPE, AND
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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT
IN EUROPE: THE MBFR CONNECTION

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1. WE PASSED THE POINTS IN PARAS 3-11 OF REFTTEL TO
FONOFF MBFR DIRECTOR DR. RUECKRIEGEL ON JUNE 22.
RUECKRIEGEL SAID HE WOULD TRY TO PASS INFORMATION ON TO
DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER RUTH BEFORE THE BILATERAL ON

JUNE 26 IN WASHINGTON.

2. COMMENTING ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL, RUECKRIEGEL SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAD SHOWED THEIR PROPOSAL TO VAN WELL IN FEBRUARY AND ASKED FOR FRG COMMENT. THE GERMANS MADE TWO POINTS: FIRST, THAT THE GERMANS VALUED MBFR AS A STABILIZING INFLUENCE IN THE EAST-WEST DIALOGUE AND DID NOT WANT ANYTHING IN THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO HARM IT. SECOND, THAT THE ORIGINAL FRENCH DRAFT CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO OR ROLE FOR THE NATO ALLIANCE.

3. RUECKRIEGEL SAID THE NEW FRENCH DRAFT APPEARED TO HAVE TAKEN THESE FRG CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT AND THUS IT WAS POSSIBLE TO "REACT POSITIVELY" TO THE FRENCH PROPOSAL IN ITS PRESENT FORM.
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